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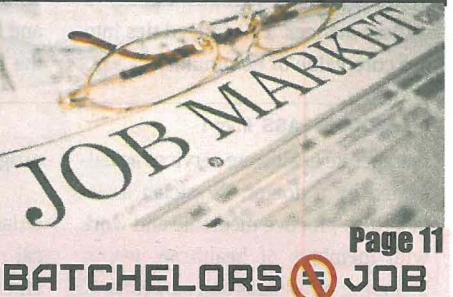
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BATCHELORS NO JOB

NSU contributes to Hurricane Sandy relief

By: Debbie Mejia

On Nov. 15 NSU held a 48-hour drive, "Operation Shark Outreach," in which about 50 boxes were placed in every major university building, including all campus residential halls, for people to donate items for those affected by Hurricane Sandy in the northeast.

With President George Hanbury's support, Vice President of Student Affairs Brad Williams, Ed. D., met with a group of physical therapy students, members of the Pan Student Government Association, and Alumni Association to devise the university-wide plan to contribute to the relief.

Officials from up North said that the most needed items are baby products, such as diapers and wipes; bath essentials, such as shampoo and body wash; batteries; work, cleaning, and latex gloves; heavy duty garbage

bags; canned pet foods; and cleaning supplies.

Elaine Papas, president of NSU's Manhattan Alumni Chapter, said, "There is a dire need for these donations by the Hurricane Sandy victims, as winter sets in and many are still without power or home. However, the need for caring human connection and support means so much in helping them through."

The items collected from the "Operation Shark Outreach" drop boxes were picked up on Nov. 16 and 26 boxes of donations were shipped to NSU's New York Alumni Chapter, in which they were distributed to needy families in time for Thanksgiving.

Williams said, "It's very important for NSU to contribute to this nationwide relief. I agree with President Hanbury's statement in his e-mail and think this will help us

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All donations that were collected in "Operation Shark Outreach" were sent to New York on November 16.

BY V. MASCITELLI

Physician assistant program receives 100% pass rate



Physician Assistant graduating class of 2012, receives 100 percent pass rate.

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By: Saily Regueiro

For the first time, the 2012 Physician Assistant Program's graduating class at NSU's student educational center in Orlando received a 100 percent passing rate on the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE).

Also known as the "PA boards", the six-hour standardized test certifies

physician assistants to professionally practice in the medical field. Since the start of the programs in 2007, this is the first time that NSU has achieved a 100 percent passing rate on the exam, which has a 93 percent national pass average.

Lorilee Butler, assistant professor of the physician assistant program, said that updates have been made to

the curriculum since the program's start, which have helped students pass the exam.

"Certainly it is a reflection of the quality of education provided by the faculty and staff in Orlando," Butler said.

Students in the program are trained to provide diagnostic and

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NSU brings children Christmas in a box



Ablaze student explaining how "Operation Christmas Child" works

BY F. RAJKUMAR

By: Faren Rajkumar

To bring some holiday cheer to less fortunate children, on Nov. 13, Ablaze, an NSU Christian organization, in cooperation with Samaritan's Purse, a global Christian non-profit organization, hosted their second annual "Operation Christmas Child" packaging party.

Students and Ablaze volunteers gathered in the Don Taft University Center with their shoeboxes, presents, and cards in tow. Ablaze provided free refreshments, while participants

filled 100 boxes with crayons, toy cars, books, toy jewelry, and other goodies purchased by NSU students.

Ablaze treasurer Marissa Hoffman, junior education major, said, "My favorite part is always seeing just how much we can fit into each box. They look small, but somehow we're able to fit tons of great gifts inside each one."

Using materials distributed by Samaritan's Purse, students labeled the shoeboxes according to the gender and age of the intended re-

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live up to one of the core values of community. Community can mean a lot of different things but when done best it's completely inclusive."

In an e-mail introducing the drive to NSU, Hanbury said, "I am pleased to see the student body and an important alumni chapter in our network coming together in such a selfless manner. This indeed ties into our core value of community."

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therapeutic healthcare services as delegated by a doctor. Physician assistants also practice medicine and work with members of healthcare teams, including physicians and surgeons.

Michael Daniels, director of the Orlando Student Educational Center, said that having new faculty has definitely contributed to the

In addition, the NSU community was invited to donate money by contacting the Red Cross via Redcross.org to donate any amount or by texting REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Papas said, "Who better relates to Hurricane Sandy than Floridians who have been through Hurricanes and fought back themselves? I believe the fact that students dug deep, even

though they are usually on tight budgets, will touch the victims in a special way. I'm proud of the support we are getting from our New York and New Jersey NSU alumni who want to join in this cause by volunteering and helping with the distribution."

For more information on helping with the continued relief effort, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at (954) 262-7195.

program's success.

During their second year, the Orlando PA students complete clinical rotations locally in private health clinics, and throughout the Orlando health system.

Butler said that when students go out to their clinical rotation training, many of them are offered jobs

before they even graduate.

Daniels said he thinks the 100 percent pass rate is going to help draw more students to NSU's PA program, over other schools in Florida.

"This demonstrates that the faculty and staff are committed to helping the students achieve all they can", said Daniels.

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recipient of their package. The boxes were then sent to Samaritan's Purse, which will complete the operation by shipping the wrapped shoeboxes to developing countries. In the past, the boxes have been given to children in Nicaragua, Madagascar, Haiti, Uganda, and other countries.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and evangelical organization, founded in 1970 by the late evangelist Bob Pierce. The organization continues to follow the Biblical example of the "Good Samaritan". According to Samaritan's Purse's official website, the mission of "Operation Christmas Child" — just one of their many humanitarian endeavors, is to "demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Following the distribution of the boxes, Samaritan's Purse volunteers involve the children in a 12-lesson Bible study program called "The Greatest Journey". However, Hoffman said that the operation was open to NSU students of all religious affiliations, and is not a conversion endeavor.

"There is no religion attached to the gifts. Donors can put a Christmas card or message in the box if they choose, but most don't," Hoffman said.

The event was advertised on flyers around campus, in Ablaze meetings, and at several SEA Thursdays, a weekly event in which NSU clubs promote their upcoming activities.

Ally Urdaneta, Ablaze campus involvement director, said, "Attending SEA Thursday for two weeks in a row helped us gain the most support, because we were able to talk to students face-to-face to explain 'Opera-

tion Christmas Child.'"

Raven Sepulveda, sophomore biology major, said that she found out about the operation just one day before the packaging party, but was still determined to contribute to the cause.

"Some Ablaze members were handing out flyers during lunch, and when they came to my table, I decided on the spot to participate," Sepulveda said.

The Undergraduate Student Government Association provided Ablaze with the funds to ship 25 boxes, but the remainder of the shipping fee — \$7 per box — was collected through donations.

Urdaneta said, "Even though we had to raise the funds ourselves, we do this event every year for the sake of the kids, and to get the word out to students about supporting charities for children."

NSU holds its first "Dance Awareness Day"

By: **Camila Alfonso**

NSU students, staff, faculty and community members stepped to the beat on Nov. 14; from noon to 3 p.m. at the Performance Theater in the Don Taft University Center for NSU's "Dance Awareness Day."

Around 40 people participated in the event, hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Students of all ages, from several local high schools and colleges attended, along with older community members.

"Dance Awareness Day" was coordinated by Elana Lanczi, associate professor of dance and the dance program's chair, and Augusto Soledade, also an assistant professor of dance.

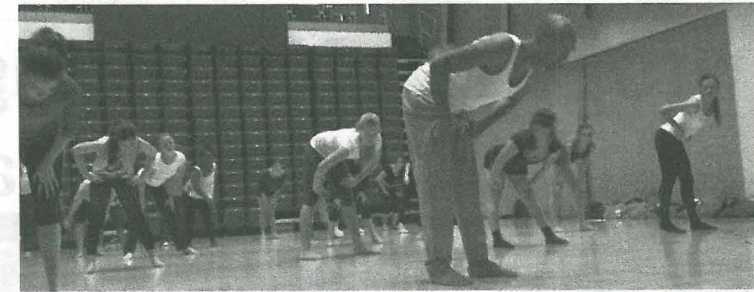
According to Lanczi, the event was created for several reasons, mainly to promote dance and offer dance lessons to the community.

Four dance classes, each an hour long, were instructed by Lanczi and Soledade. Dance styles included jazz, improvisation, Afro-Brazilian, and composition.

Every dance class was instructed at a level in which anyone — with or without dance experience — would be able to comfortably learn.

Even with a ruptured achilles tendon, Fernando Campos, junior psychology major and dance minor, came out to support and participate in the event.

Campos said, "Dance is an in-



Augusto Soledade instructing an Afro-Brazilian dance choreography.

BY FCAMPOS

ternal drive. I really appreciate the choreographers and professors that are teaching."

He also shared that he likes to come out to NSU dance events, in order to show his appreciation for the program and to encourage the continuation of dance promotions.

Campos added, "I find it interesting how the arts are underappreciated and since we have dance, I want to acknowledge that it is here and make sure it continues as a major here and expands."

Both experienced and inexperienced dancers learned something new at "Dance Awareness Day."

Roza Savelyeva, freshman dance major, said, "This is a great opportunity for everyone to get out and try dances that they didn't have a chance to experience before. I have been dancing since I was young and it was the first time I ever did improv and the Afro-Brazilian dance."

According to Lanczi, the event accomplished its goal in attracting

dancers from various dance programs throughout South Florida.

Ashleigh Coffman, a student at Wellington high school, said she found the concept of filling negative space, which was introduced during improv, insightful.

"I've been dancing since I was three but I found this whole event very informative," she said.

During lunch, a panel discussion on careers in dance was held, in which NSU dance faculty discussed different career paths for dance majors and shared their unique experiences with NSU's dance program. A tour of the campus concluded the event.

Lanczi said she wanted to promote to high school students, who might be considering coming to Nova or studying dance, and allowing them to see the facility and meet the faculty.

"This event was really about bringing the community together," said Lanczi.

Corrections

In the opinion piece titled "My Beef with Outtakes" that was published on Nov. 13 in Issue 13, I failed to specify that Chartwells' corporate office failed to return my calls/emails. I apologize for this confusion. By: Opinions Editor, Andre Jensen

In the news story titled "Florida Supreme Court Justice Pariente addresses NSU" that was published on Nov. 6 in issue 12 the photograph was incorrectly credited to Camila Alfonso and should have been credited to Carisa Lippman with Lavender Tree Photography. I apologize for this confusion. By: Chief of Visual Design Andre Escobar

Onshore November

events by students, for students

Wednesday, November 28

Multicultural Holiday Celebration » 11:30 a.m., Don Taft University Center Pit

Come celebrate a plethora of holidays that will be recognized.

Friday, November 30

SUTV Staff Meeting » 12 p.m., ASA Room 104

Open to students interested in learning about and becoming involved with television

Contact : Gregory Hinds, gh337@nova.edu , 954-262-2602

Fire & Ice Night Club Party » 10 p.m., Don Taft University Center Flight Deck

Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma wil be hosting this party. Come out and experience a cool vibe and hot fun.

Monday, December 3

Crunch Brunch; Price It Right » 9 a.m., Don Taft University Center Pit

Need a study break? Come play fun games and ease your mind from the stresses of finals. Enjoy delicious breakfast and possibly win a grand prize.

Contact : Sea Board, sea_board@nova.edu, 954-262-7233

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NSU Students Help Fight Hunger

By: **Camila Alfonso**

Eleven NSU students extended a helping hand and volunteered at NetLife4Families/The Cooperative Feeding Program in Lauderhill on Friday, Nov. 18.

LifeNet4Families/The Cooperative Feeding Program is a private organization that tries to combat hunger by providing a soup kitchen and distributing food boxes from their food pantry. The soup kitchen serves meals throughout the day and includes a dining area for the homeless. The director of operations, Chris Polzer, at the food bank said around 300 people a day dine there.

The emergency food pantry provides food boxes for underprivileged families with a stable address. Polzer estimated that about 150 to 175 families a day receive these goods.

"With Thanksgiving approaching, that number increases to around 300 to 400 families", he said.

Tyresha Copper, junior psychology major, said, "I feel this program and the services provided

are truly amazing. I am honored that I was able to be associated with the organization and help out in some way."

Cooper, Kelsey Cortez, senior communication studies major and Nil Patel, senior exercise science major, coordinated this service project as part of a leadership class group project.

Cortez said, "I was surprised at how many students were actively looking for a place to volunteer, specifically with feeding families. We look forward to planning the next trip to the community kitchen."

The students said that volunteering with their peers at the community kitchen was a great experience.

Volunteer Jeremy Mathis, senior finance major, said, "That was one of the best times of my life — being able to put a smile on people's faces. I plan to go every month now."

The function of the organization relies heavily on volunteers.

Polzer said, "We could never do all that needs to get done without our volunteers. There is no possible way.



NSU Students preparing food boxes from the pantry to go to the needy families. COURTESY OF C. ALFONSO

We rely very heavily on volunteers."

Those interested in obtaining services from this organization or embarking on what the student vol-

unteers refer to as a heart-warming experience, can contact Chris Polzer at (954) 792-2328.

"Sponsor a Can" gathers 100+



The "Sponsor a Can" food drive raised over 100 cans for the Pantry of Broward.

By: **Debbie Mejia**

The Pre-Health Council hosted "Sponsor a Can" food drive from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 and donated all collected goods to the Pantry of Broward Inc., a charity organization that supports senior citizens' needs.

The drive was also a competition among seven campus organizations: — Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society, Caribbean Student Association, Radio X, Pre-Pharmacy Society, Pre-Physicians Assistants, Pre-Medical Society, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Altogether, over 100 non-perishable

and canned foods were collected.

President of Health Occupations Students of America Chanice Allen (H.O.S.A.), sophomore biology major and music minor, said, "The pantry was more than happy to receive our donations. It turns out that their stock of food is abnormally low for this time of the year."

Allen said that all of the organizations were excited to take part and decorated their boxes to vie for donations as soon as possible. By the end of the drive, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority collected over 40 items in their donation box, making them the competition winners. The Pre-Health

Council will recognize the sorority on a poster in the Don Taft University Center.

President of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Miranda Persaud, senior biology major, said, "We are proud of our NSU community for making an effort to come together and contribute to those who are less privileged. In this friendly competition, we are all winners for having shown support to our elders in need. We emphasized no donation is too small."

Event Coordinator for H.O.S.A., Melissa Fils, junior biology major, said that the food drive is crucial not

only to serve the community, but to give the NSU community an opportunity to engage in a rewarding activity.

Persaud said that giving back to the community is essential and giving back is simply a way to say 'thank you' to the elders in need.

Allen said, "This was a pretty good run for our first food drive on campus."

Food drives are crucial to the Pantry of Broward's functionality. The organization accepts all food donations and encourages volunteers.

News Briefs

Free RecPlex personal training

From now to Dec. 23, students can receive one free personal training session for every four sessions they purchase at the Recreational Complex in the Don Taft University Center. For more information, contact Bryan Budreau, Graduate Assistant for Fitness, at bb194@nova.edu.

Northwestern Mutual internship opportunity

NSU's Office of Career Development will hold an hour informational session with Northwestern Mutual on Nov. 28 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Career Development office in the Carl DeSantis Building. Directors of Recruitment from the Ft. Lauderdale and Aventura offices will attend, and lunch will be included. RSVP to Brooke Evans, director of recruitment for Northwestern Mutual, at brooke.evans@nmfn.com.

BP due to pay \$4.5 billion to U.S. Department of Justice

The BP oil company has agreed to plead guilty to felony charges and pay \$4.5 billion in penalties and restitution, including \$1.26 billion in criminal fines, stemming from the Deepwater Horizon oil-rig accident and spill. BP agreed to accept criminal responsibility for the 2010 disaster that killed 11 workers, which is being charged as 11 felony counts of "seaman's manslaughter." If allegations are proven, BP could face up to \$20 billion in fines under the Clean Water Act, about four times more than if the company is found simply to have been negligent. This is the biggest penalty ever levied by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Killed UF student, Christian Aguilar, poisoned not beaten

University of Florida freshman Christian Aguilar first went missing in September and his body was discovered in October. His friend, Pedro Bravo, was suspected and charged with his murder. Authorities now know that the perpetrator did not beat Aguilar, as he told police in September, before leaving him to die in the woods of Levy County. Instead, Bravo poisoned and suffocated Aguilar using "a chemical compound with food and/or drink ... with the intent to kill or injure," according to the newly amended seven-count grand jury indictment.

Jamaican Prime Minister Seaga to visit NSU

Former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Edward Seaga, will visit NSU for the Reggae Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary Music Symposium in the Carl DeSantis building's Knight Auditorium on Nov. 29 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Seaga has played a major role in the development of the Jamaican music industry, as a record producer and record company owner for the past 50 years. Other distinguished guests will attend as well, including Jamaica's Counselor General. The event is free and open to the public, but seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

Diary Of... a global leader

By: **Edwina A. Ward**

Edwina Ward is a graduate student seeking her masters in cross disciplinary studies. One day she hopes to be an ambassador on a global level. With her trip to a United Nations assembly in January, she "hopes to see what options that will bring" for her long term career goals.

If someone would have told me years ago that at this very moment, I would be a first year student in NSU's Master of Arts Cross Disciplinary Studies program, a young philanthropist, a community organizer, and a global icon, I would have chuckled.

Since a very young age, I knew that I wanted to be a leader, to serve others, and to think outside the box, while giving back to my community. While watching a TV program called "Feed the Children" on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), I quickly realized my ultimate passion was to help others.

After watching the hungry young children, I told my mother that I wanted her to adopt all the hungry children and bring them to our house so that I can feed them. At the age of 8, I clearly was living in a world not worried about logistics behind that grand request. All I wanted to do was share love and my support.

Growing up as a young woman, most of the people I admired came from my family of local and global leaders. Today, it is because of their story that I am able to write my story.

On my first day of ninth grade at Piper High, I made a personal commitment to love my school enough to leave a legacy behind. After much hard work and determination, I became Student Government Association president during my senior year. The election was one of the most rewarding experiences, as my campaign slogan was "The best is yet to come!"

As I began to find my path, I would casually sit with my father to listen to his words of encouragement, such as, if you want to be successful or have the best possible life, first be adaptable to change, second learn to listen before you speak and third always associate yourself with leaders who can help you to grow.

After I completed high school, I went to Broward College's north campus and was again elected Student Government Association president. During that time, I also served on the state team of the Florida Junior Community Colleges Student Government Association as District 1 coordinator.

As time progressed, I quickly began to find college mentors and people who had my best interest at heart. While attending Broward College, I applied for an internship with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and was accepted with a full scholarship award to the program in Washington, D.C.

During the internship, my class witnessed the beginning of a historical change, as the first class of the Congressional Black Caucus

Foundation to hear the announcement of then-Senator Barack Obama share his quest to run for president. This moment was inspiring, as he sat down and talked about why he wanted to make a difference. Today, as he'll soon begin his second term of the presidency, I am proud to know I was apart of such rich history.

The internship experience afforded me the opportunity to actively participate in the daily operations of our legislative branch, foster new friendships with classmates from different states, and enhance my listening and leadership skills, while seeing the world from a brand-new lens.

Shortly after my internship experience in the office of Alcee Hastings, U.S. representative for Florida's 23rd congressional district, I suddenly wanted to explore the world.

So, without hesitation, I moved from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to Nashville, Tenn. I attended Fisk University, a prestigious institution, pursuing a Bachelors of Arts in History.

While at Fisk, I constantly thought about a leader whom I admired greatly because of his story, his leadership, and his message, "I am the me I choose to be." This was the mantra of the legendary Sir Sidney Poitier, the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor. In 2009, Poitier received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama.

That same year, I was accepted to attend a global leadership program



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Global Ambassadors, Sir Sidney Poitier and Edwina A. Ward.

called the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, as a student ambassador from the U.S. This trip opened my eyes to new horizons, new thinking, and a new global platform.

On my way home from Berlin, Germany, my life changed tremendously and I began to live out my dreams of designing a non-profit foundation, which I called Leaders Recognizing Leaders. The foundation's mission is to reshape the mindset of young people for community service, educational development, and global communication in local, national, and international communities. The organization focuses on helping young people become leaders within their high schools and communities,

and to become young diplomats.

Nevertheless, none of this story would have been possible without my spiritual guidance that kept me focused, the love of family and my own drive and motivation to keep moving forward.

Other notable global leaders who I have had the privilege of either meeting or working with include, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner Madam Leymah Ghowee, CNN hero Marie Di Silvia from Malawi, Africa, Prime Minister of the Bahamas Hon. Perry G. Christie, civil rights leader Congressman John Lewis, United Nations Deputy Director for Public Engagement Sir Ramu Damodaran, and global motivational speaker and author, Les Brown.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. KRISTINE JOHNSON

By: Erik Digranes

Since August of 2011, Kristine Johnson has been an adjunct professor for Communications Studies in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Her experience in this field has made her a reliable and helpful source for her students.

Prior to teaching at NSU as a communications professor, Johnson completed her doctorate at Florida State University where she taught a variety of communication courses. Her research interests include audience analysis, new media, and health communication. Johnson has a master's degree in advertising and public relations from Texas Christian University and a bachelor's degree in speech from The University of Texas. She also has a background in radio broadcasting and experience as a marketing professional.

Johnson expressed a major interest in radio and music. Her favorite radio show is "This American Life" based out of Chicago, but airs nationwide. She also frequents Radioparadise.com and slicinguppeyeballs.com, which are both sites dedicated to music.

Johnson began her time at NSU

as a visiting professor but decided to stay on as an adjunct while also working as a part time professor at Florida International University. The classes she is teaching this semester include Research Methods in Communication, Mass Communication, and a Seminar in Hispanic Marketing at FIU. She said she enjoys teaching Research Methods in Communication the most. She credits Steven McClung, Head of the Graduate Program Business School at Mercer University as her mentor and continued inspiration.

Johnson always wanted to be involved in the communications field, specifically radio. She started off by working for NPR as a traffic reporter in Dallas. She later worked as a scriptwriter for the "Ultimate 80's" television show, and also as a volunteer reporter in Portland, Oregon. She enjoyed working in the late 90's the most.

"I enjoyed the dot com boom, jobs were really fun and different," said Johnson.

Her music interests aren't just limited to radio though. Her favorite concert experience was seeing the Super Suckers live.

"The energy was incredible and the lead singer puts on a great show,"

said Johnson.

She is also a fan of musicians Leonard Cohen and Todd Snider saying that both are really fun to see live.

"They're great storytellers and the songs have really interesting stories behind them," said Johnson.

Outside of teaching, Johnson actively conducts specific research projects by employing the use of surveys to collect her data. Her published works include a study on audience use of new media technologies found on NPR.org and a study that examines the patterns and uses of podcast users. Johnson received feedback from 514 members from NPR program fan groups found on Facebook and 354 fans of shows that are podcast via surveys for the respective projects.

She is currently involved in multiple research projects. One is a health study on audience perception of obese individuals based on watching television's "The Biggest Loser." Johnson started working on the project in summer of 2012. She is also a part of a research project that examines offensive language spoken on Spanish morning radio programs on the two highest-rated radio stations offering streaming media over the Internet in the top-five Spanish



Dr. Kristine Johnson professor in the Division of Humanities.

BY S. REGUIRO

markets. The purpose of this study is to identify the amount and kinds of offensive language spoken on air.

Johnson has credited her combined interest in new media, radio, and academia for fueling her various research projects and teaching endeavors.

"I really enjoy the research projects I've worked on, but am looking forward to getting back to teaching full time; it's always been a passion of mine," said Johnson.

In her free time, Johnson said she enjoys bike riding, jogging, and although has not participated in it too recently, swing dancing.

She is also a fan of Jamie Oliver recipes, saying, "They're health conscious meals that are easy and fun to make."

She has also stated that Vancouver, Canada is her favorite vacation spot because of the beautiful region it's in.

Holiday Happenings in South Florida

By: Francesca Armagno

There's no place like home for the holidays, right?

For one reason or another, going home during winter break is not an option for some residential NSU students. Luckily, the main campus is only a short distance away from much of South Florida's thriving culture, which comes alive during the holiday season. Students stuck at school for winter break need not worry about finding inventive ways to enjoy their free time. The following events are only a small sample of the unique celebrations taking place nearby this winter.

Skate Las Olas: Nov. 23 to Jan. 6, Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale

The Las Olas Boulevard Association has celebrated the holiday season for decades, and in 2011, they created another tradition: Skate Las Olas. The artificial skating rink, made of high-tech plastic that simulates the feel of actual ice, allows Floridians to experience a wintertime staple amid twinkling lights, festive music, and subtropical temperatures.

The event will be held on the lawn of the Riverside Hotel. A fee of \$10 per person includes the ice skate rental and an hour of skating time. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 9 p.m. on weekends until Dec. 22, when hours are noon to 9 p.m. every day. For more information, visit www.lasolasboulevard.com/skate-las-olas.

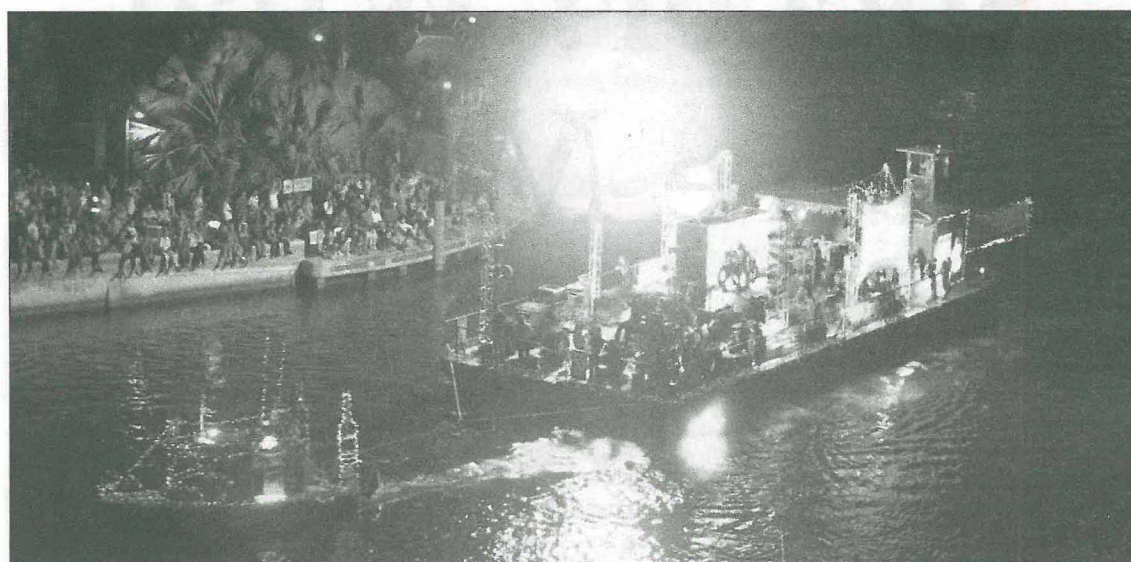
Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant: Nov. 30 to Dec. 16, First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale

With its annual pageant, the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale puts on one of the largest Christmas performances in the nation and features the talents of over 1,000 members of the church community in its spirited retelling of Christmas. The 2-hour show includes traditional Christmas caroling and dancing in the first act, and the story of Jesus in the second act, with live animals and music throughout. Shows are presented in the afternoon and at night; ticket prices range from \$15 to \$55. Tickets for the holiday feast before the performances are \$23. For more information on show times and to purchase tickets, visit christmastickets.com.

Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade: Dec. 15, New River, Fort Lauderdale

Winterfest is a community celebration with several events, like the "Shoreline Decorating Contest" and Family Day, which culminates with its biggest event, the annual Boat Parade. For this event, large-scale creative light displays depict the splendor of the season on boats that sail the New River. Dozens of large boats light up the shoreline as they float for 12 miles from Fort Lauderdale to Pompano Beach. Each parade has a theme, and this year's is "Musical Memories." The event runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale to view the parade from a grandstand; prices are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children. To buy tickets or to watch the parade from home, visit winterfestparade.com.

Santa's Enchanted Forest,



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November 1- January 6, Tropical Park, Miami, Fla.

Miami celebrates the holidays in a big way and, each year, puts a festive spin on the traditional carnival experience. Santa's Enchanted Forest is the largest Christmas themed park in the nation, and includes carnival rides, holiday light displays, midway games, food vendors, and live entertainment. The park is easily accessible from major highways and has attractions for all ages. The park is open daily from 5pm to midnight. Adult tickets are \$27 and are for sale online and at the park; child and senior discounts are available. For additional information on directions and tickets, visit <http://santasenchantedforest.com/>.

Chanukah Festival: Dec. 13, Gulfstream Park, Hallendale

Beach

The Friendship Circle of Chabad of South Broward will be holding its 33rd annual Chanukah festival — a lively celebration of Judaism and Chabad's 33 years in Broward County. Around 10,000 people attend the festival each year, and Chabad promises a larger turnout for 2012. The event features live entertainment from internationally known Jewish musicians, the lighting of Florida's largest menorah, Chanukah gelt (chocolate coins), raffles for prizes, and a dinner. The festival begins at 7 p.m.; a decorated motor parade precedes the event. Admission for the event is free, as are raffle entries; the dinner is available for purchase. For more information, visit www.chabadsouthbroward.com.

Kwanzaa Celebration, Dec. 26,

African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Fort Lauderdale

Kwanzaa lasts from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 each winter and is a week-long celebration of African-American culture and observance of the holiday's seven founding principles, like unity and self-determination. Broward County's African American Research Library and Cultural Center honors the diverse African American heritage in South Florida with an annual community festival. The event that starts the week will run from noon to 7 p.m.; admission is free for the entire community. This year's celebration includes children's arts and crafts, traditional storytelling sessions, cultural music and performances, and hand-crafted gift vendors. For more information, visit www.sfltimes.com.

Athlete of the week: Chelsea Emery

By: **Chris Hoffman**

Chelsea Emery, senior psychology major, has been a major contributor to the NSU women's softball team since she joined the Sharks last year. Emery transferred to NSU from Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla., where she played on the softball team for two years.

Emery began to play baseball at a young age. Once she turned 13, her mom said that she needed to "stop playing with the boys." She began to play softball in recreational leagues, but eventually moved to play on a travel team. She played on a travel team, until she went to Mount Dora Christian Home and Bible School in Mount Dora, Fla.

In Emery's freshman year at Brevard, she played in 38 games, with a batting average (BA) of .200 and driving in 15 runs batted in (RBI). During her sophomore year at Brevard, Emery played in 51 games, finished with a BA of .308 in 156 at bats and an on base percentage of .360, and added 35 RBI's. Emery was awarded the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic

Achievement Award and earned second team all-conference honors.

Last year, when Emery transferred to NSU, she played in 53 games, starting in 50 of them. She had many memorable games last year, including a double header against the University of West Florida, where she had four hits and four RBI's. She also hit a three-run home run to help the Sharks blow out Lincoln Memorial, 8-0. Emery ended last season with 9 doubles, two home runs, 29 RBIs, and a batting average of .286.

Head Coach Lesa Bonee said that she will miss Emery when she leaves. "Chelsea is a good person. I'm not talking about student-athlete, but Chelsea is a sincere individual."

I sat down with Emery and asked her some questions:

What is your favorite memory in your career?

It would have to be my first home run in 8th grade.

What would you say is your biggest accomplishment in your career?

It would have to be making it to

the state playoffs two years in a row in high school.

When did you decide you wanted to play in college?

I probably decided my freshman year in high school. I really wanted to go to UF.

Why did you transfer to NSU?

I know I wanted to play my last two years. Brevard was only two years for athletics, so I wanted to transfer and finish my two years.

Was it a tough transition?

Academic-wise it was very hard, because it is very challenging here. Softball-wise it wasn't too hard; I just had to learn a new program.

Do you have any pregame rituals?

I usually pray before the game and I have to listen to a certain song before the game. I have to give my coaches high-fives before I get off the bus. I don't know why I do that; it's just something I've done since high school.



Chelsea Emery looks to have a great senior year.

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Major League Soccer: What You're Missing Out On

By: **Alex Gruber**

Soccer — excuse me, football — is the world's most popular sport. With its modern origins stemming back to mid-19th Century England, football is now played in more than 200 countries worldwide.

One of those countries, of course, is the United States. We are one of the few countries to call it "soccer," but soccer is just a contraction of the game's proper name, association football.

Whatever the case, the sport has grown in popularity monumentally over the last twenty years or so. We even hosted the 1994 FIFA World Cup, which then led to the formation of a new professional league: Major League Soccer.

Its humble beginnings saw just ten teams in the league, but we currently sit at 19 teams. On December 1st, two of those teams will face off for the right to call themselves MLS Cup Champions: The Los Angeles

Galaxy and the Houston Dynamo.

This is a rematch of last year's final, in which Los Angeles emerged with a 1-0 victory to claim their third MLS title. The cup will be broadcast live on ESPN, the nation's biggest sports television network.

And yet somehow, the league continues to fly under the radar. The crowds at the games are always great, but the viewership at home is unusually low. How is this possible?

After all, this is the pinnacle of football in the United States. Some of our top current players like Tim Howard and Clint Dempsey got their starts in MLS before making a move to Europe, while Los Angeles' Landon Donovan has been one of the league's elite talents since moving back from Europe.

Additionally, MLS has attracted the attention of some of the world's greatest players, even if they are not the same players they once were. David Beckham made headlines when he signed a big-

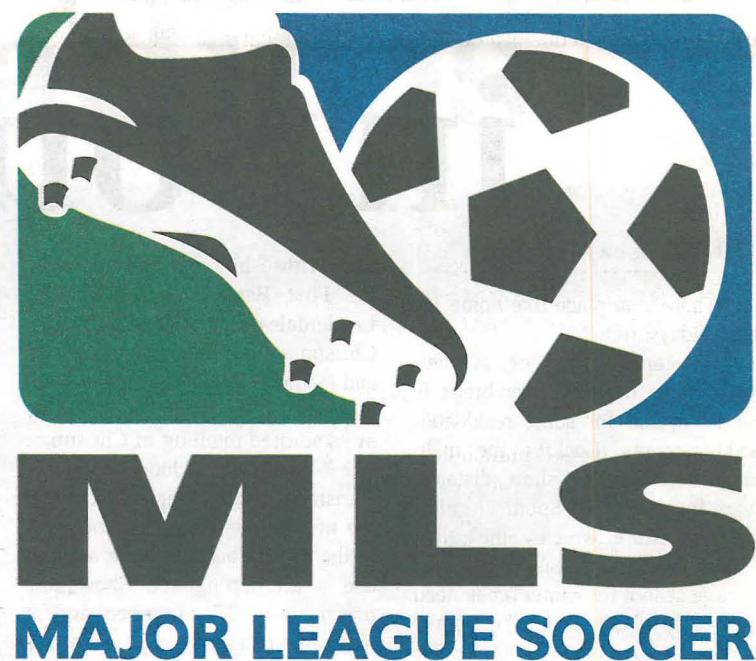
money deal with the Galaxy in 2007 after an illustrious career with Manchester United, Real Madrid, and the England national team.

Former Barcelona stars Thierry Henry and Rafael Márquez ply their trades for the New York Red Bulls, while Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane joins Donovan and Beckham in Los Angeles.

Yet even with the mixture of top international talent, some of America's best players, and a whole host of bright youngsters like Brek Shea and CJ Sapong, the casual football fan in the States tends to pass over MLS in favor of the top European leagues.

Granted, these leagues do get extensive coverage in the United States, with ESPN and FOX Soccer broadcasting multiple Premier League games every week, not to mention the UEFA Champions League which features the best clubs from across the continent.

So in many ways, MLS is less popular because we're being satu-



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The MLS Cup Championships will take place on December 1.

rated with so much other top international footballing action that the domestic picture tends to get pushed into the background.

But of course, it's the fans that make any sports team. And MLS is no different, as they feature some of the most passionate fan bases in all of professional sports. Topping that list is the madhouse that is Seattle Sounders FC.

The Sounders play their home matches at CenturyLink Field, also home to the NFL's Seattle Seahawks. The field is known for being the loudest in the NFL, where the 67,000-strong crowd wreaks havoc on the opposing team.

While the Sounders have a seating configuration that typically only seats 38,500, the constantly-packed house sports many of the same fans that the Seahawks get: loud, crazy, and passionate about their home team.

And of course, for the big games, all 67,000 seats can be made available. For a recent match against hated rivals Portland, which Seattle won 3-0, the sold-out "rave green" stadium was rocking all night as their team stormed to an easy victory.

The whole point here is that Major League Soccer deserves far more popularity than it currently gets. These are some of the best athletes in the world, playing right here in the United States, where the fans support their team all the way.

Watch the MLS Cup Final (December 1st, 4:30 PM EST, ESPN). Take in the world's greatest sport being played in the world's greatest country. And when all is said and done, keep involved in what's happening around the league. The landscape is ever-changing, and you don't want to miss a thing.



ON THE BENCH: NCAA sanctions

Commentary by: **Chris Hoffman**

Do you remember the insane amount of hours you logged studying for that Chemistry exam? Now imagine that because one kid was caught cheating, the entire class failed the test and eventually failed the class. Would that be fair to the kids who passed because they took their time to study?

Now take that feeling and imagine that you are a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) athlete. Then you find out that someone who graduated seven years ago went against NCAA regulations and because of it your current team cannot go to the playoffs, even though the individual was never your teammate. Why is it that the sanctions that the NCAA delivers are so harsh? Over the last couple of years, there have been quite a few scandals involving major NCAA Division I athletics programs.

Some of the more recent scandals include the recent sex abuse scandal at Pennsylvania State University, and Reggie Bush accepting pay while still at the University of Southern California. Also, players at both The Ohio State University and the University of Miami were caught accepting illegal benefits. The University of Miami is the only school that has not yet been levied with heavy sanctions, only because its investigation has been dragged out for more than a year.

All of these schools, aside from the University of Miami, have been hit with major consequences, including loss of scholarships, postseason bans, hefty fines, and the vacating of wins. While a few of the sanctions make sense, most of them do not.

In the case of Penn State, I think it fits the crime for the university to immediately fire former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky, as well as having to pay the \$60 million fine from the NCAA — which is equivalent to Penn State's annual revenue for their football program.

Penn State was also required to reduce the amount of scholarships offered for the next four years and vacate all wins dating from 1998. Plus, its team cannot go to the postseason for the next four seasons. After the NCAA found out that several Ohio State players were accepting illegal benefits and that Bush was getting paid while at USC, the NCAA said that they could not go to the postseason for two years and one year, respectively.

Why is it that the individuals who had nothing to do with the scandal are being punished? None of the

Penn State players helped Sandusky cover up his despicable crimes. The current players at USC were not even teammates with Reggie Bush when he was accepting illegal benefits; they would have still been in high school when he was playing at USC. The postseason ban clearly isn't hurting Bush. He had to give up his Heisman Trophy, but he's still playing for the Miami Dolphins every Sunday, making \$4.5 million a year. The same concept goes for the loss of scholarships. Just because one individual made the wrong choice and went against NCAA regulations, does not mean that the future generation of athletes should suffer. Every time the NCAA revokes a scholarship from a school, that's possibly one less kid who will have the opportunity to go to college. There are a lot of kids that rely on athletic scholarships to pay for their education.

Another thing that does not make sense is when the NCAA vacates or takes away any games that the team won during the duration of the scandal. While I do admit that, in some instances, it is appropriate to vacate games, most of the time it is not. It is suitable to vacate games when the majority of a team is only at that school because they are getting paid. There are scandals that have nothing to do with the playing field itself, but only with an individual tied to the program — as it is with Penn State.

What Jerry Sandusky did to little kids is beyond comprehensible, but making the players on the football team suffer for an assistant coach's personal actions is uncalled for. Instead of punishing the whole Penn State program, the NCAA should have only punished the people who knew about Sandusky's crimes and did nothing about it. Now that the wins no longer count, the hours of hard work and dedication that the players at Penn State put in are meaningless. They can say they won so many games while they were there, but now anytime somebody looks in a record book, there will be a little asterisk denoting the games now mean nothing.

The NCAA needs to rethink their method of punishment. The point of an investigation is to find out exactly what happened and who was involved. Instead of punishing the whole program, they should only punish the individuals who were involved — whether it is fining the individuals, forcing them to resign, or even making them pay back their benefits.

S P O R T S SHORTS

WRITTEN BY
Chris Hoffman

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The NSU men's cross country team ran in the National Championship at Missouri Southern State, placing 32nd out of 32 teams.



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team finished 29th out of 32 teams at the National Championship meet on Nov. 17 in Joplin, MO.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team began the season strong with wins over the Chilean National team, 97-60 and a win over St. Thomas, 90-78.



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Movie Review: Lincoln

By: Joe Cirino

Daniel Day-Lewis, the man behind the spectacular performances of more than any man's fair share of cinema villains and protagonists, delivers a sure-to-be-award-winning performance as one of the U.S.'s most beloved presidents in "Lincoln".

Director Steve Spielberg's monster film, while not as sweeping or expensive as "Saving Private Ryan" or "Minority Report", serves to show a pivotal period in American history with the man with the plan: Abraham Lincoln.

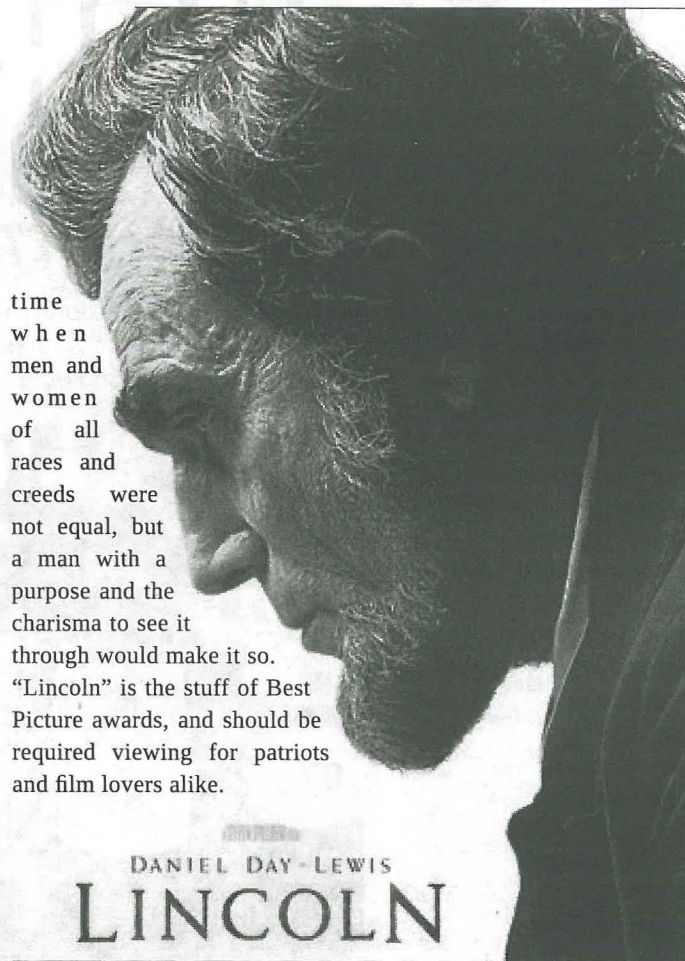
Not spoiling anything, the film does away with any semblance of bland or slow plot development to create a stunning and emotional look at the American people's difficulty in accepting people of African descent and of darker skin colors. Spielberg presents an

America that is as divided as it is vividly colored by its history, and the cast performances only serve to heighten the sense that one has truly stepped back in time.

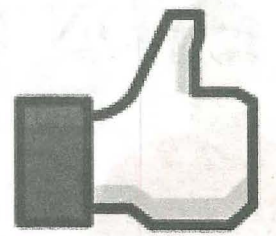
Daniel Day-Lewis's portrayal of President Lincoln cannot be praised enough — the man manages to act the part such that no subtleties are wasted in the act. The mannerisms and attitudes of the titular character focus on not only national and domestic issues, but also on personal issues. "Lincoln" is less an interactive dramatic documentary on the life of Lincoln; it's more of a political thriller, on par with other contemporary films such as 2011's "The Ides of March" and 2004's "The Manchurian Candidate."

Overall, "Lincoln" presents to impress. Spielberg delivers a poignant and often shocking look at a different age of America — a

time when men and women of all races and creeds were not equal, but a man with a purpose and the charisma to see it through would make it so. "Lincoln" is the stuff of Best Picture awards, and should be required viewing for patriots and film lovers alike.



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Lincoln is a stellar hit for Spielberg's long history of epic dramas.



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Restaurant Review: 100 Montaditos

By: Francesca Armagno

The Spanish tapas chain 100 Montaditos has expanded its reach and added flair to the South Florida culinary scene with several new locations, including one in the Fountains shopping center on University Drive in Plantation, Fla.

The restaurant is aptly named for its selection of 100 distinct miniature sandwiches, or "montaditos," which are commonly served at Spanish bars.

From the outside, 100 Montaditos is intriguing, but not easily recognized. The storefront logo is almost illegible because of its unique font, but it belies the dizzying array of Spanish and Mediterranean fusion that awaits customers inside.

Authentic ingredients, like Serrano ham and Manchego cheese, are layered onto warm, freshly baked three-inch baguette rolls. The sandwiches feature both savory and sweet ingredients, and because they are purposefully made to be eaten in just two bites, they are also very inexpensive.

Simple sandwiches — like chorizo, pulled pork, or blue cheese, created on Montadito's signature house-made bread — begin at \$1. More complex combinations, like grilled beef, hummus, and arugula, are only \$3. Appetizers, salads, and a small selection of imported alcoholic beverages accompany the small bites on the menu to give customers a sample of Spain's defining flavors.

After skimming the menu

online, my trip to 100 Montaditos was full of anticipation; I was intrigued that a chain restaurant touted so many eclectic options. Given my curiosity and yearning to experience the tapas culture first hand, my expectations for the restaurant were high.

Luckily, Montaditos does not disappoint. The décor of the restaurant is gorgeous dark wooden tables, dim lighting, and brick walls — lined floor to ceiling with old photographs. Not a detail has been overlooked; the sounds of Spanish guitar waft through the air, and even the cashiers wear mantillas in their hair, as homage to the chain's European roots. The relaxing contemporary atmosphere augments the meal, which is also facilitated by the quick and cheerful service. The cashiers explain to newcomers how to order at the bar. For ease of ordering, Montaditos supplies checklists to customers, so that they can list the sandwiches by number rather than by name. The fast-food style operation allows customers time to socialize while their food is prepared.

Customization at 100 Montaditos is easy, thanks to the wide variety of sandwiches at affordable prices. For my small party, I ordered a plate of seasoned potato wedges, which comes with a side of "brava sauce" and aioli for dipping. The potatoes were fluffy and golden brown, fresh out of the fryer and with the right amount of spicy heat.

The stars of the meal were



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the five sandwiches I selected, all small bites with plenty of personality. Ingredients featured on the plate included robust Serrano ham with slightly sweet pulled pork and smoky Iberico cheese; grilled chicken with bacon and guava; turkey with cheddar, strawberry jam, and arugula; and roast beef with tangy honey Dijon sauce. Some of the combinations sounded disjointed before I tried them, but the flavors were

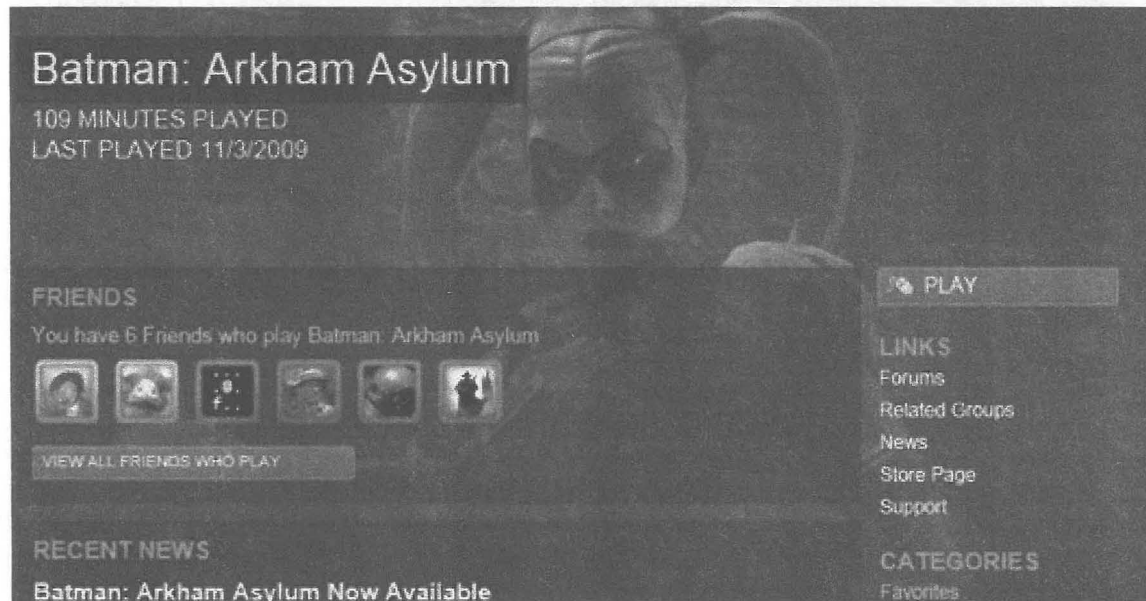
harmonious and inspiring, not to mention reasonably priced. Five sandwiches, an appetizer, and two soft drinks only cost \$20.

100 Montaditos can be referred to as a "fast-casual" rather than typical fast-food chain, because it elevates the quick dining experience to a new level. This place is perfect for an intimate lunch for two or even for the over-21 crowds that want a lively spot for a night out — especially on

Wednesdays, when all sandwiches and drinks are just \$1.

Customers should enjoy the ease of service, calming atmosphere, and affordable luxury that Montaditos provides. But most importantly, the flavors at 100 Montaditos will challenge the novice palette and comfort the experienced foodie, and leave both hungry for more. Discover what Spain has to offer at 801 S. University Dr.

Computer gaming on a budget



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am is a popular online social and gaming platform operated by Valve Entertainment.

By: **Joe Cirino**

For the average college student, money is often something they can never have enough of.

With textbooks, meal plans, and other necessary college fees, comes the worrying realization that a student's participation in the realm of video gaming will diminish due to a lack of funds. After all, video games are infamously pricey; top shelf titles usually start at as much as \$60, sometimes more for "Deluxe" or "Collector's" editions.

This doesn't have to be the end of a student's lifestyle as a modern-age gamer. There exists multiple different ways to keep a finger on the pulse of the ever-improving world of video gaming. Since many students are on their laptops constantly, computer gaming is an excellent way to save dash. Computer gaming on a budget involves three categories: "free to play", "steam sales", and commercial deals.

Commercial deals are perhaps the most well-known ways to purchase discounted games. The bargain bins at Gamestop, Best Buy, and Target usually have a slew of low-priced computer games — although, more often than not, the games are so old that their rock-bottom price is the only way publishers to turn a profit off of them. There

exist other — and arguably better — ways to get a fix of fun.

"Free to play" games are online games that don't cost anything more than a website registration fee to play. Flash games that utilize web browser architecture to construct an artificial gaming environment, subscription-less online games, even matchmaking websites for Chess all promise easily picked up and quickly droppable sources of computer gaming.

"Free to play" games also include massive online role-playing games, which do not require a monthly subscription fee. While games like "World of Warcraft" and "EVE Online" require a monthly subscription fee of \$15 to continue to play, games like "Guild Wars 2" require no fee — just the initial purchase of the game. This is not to say that the quality of "free to play" games take a dive; on the contrary, they're often as detailed and well-done as subscription-based titles.

"Team Fortress 2", for example, is a multiplayer online first-person shooter game that has been popular with fans for many years. Though the quality "Team Fortress 2" quality surpasses some other modern titles, the game has been free to play for a few months now, using optional microtransactions to allow purchasing of items that can be found or traded

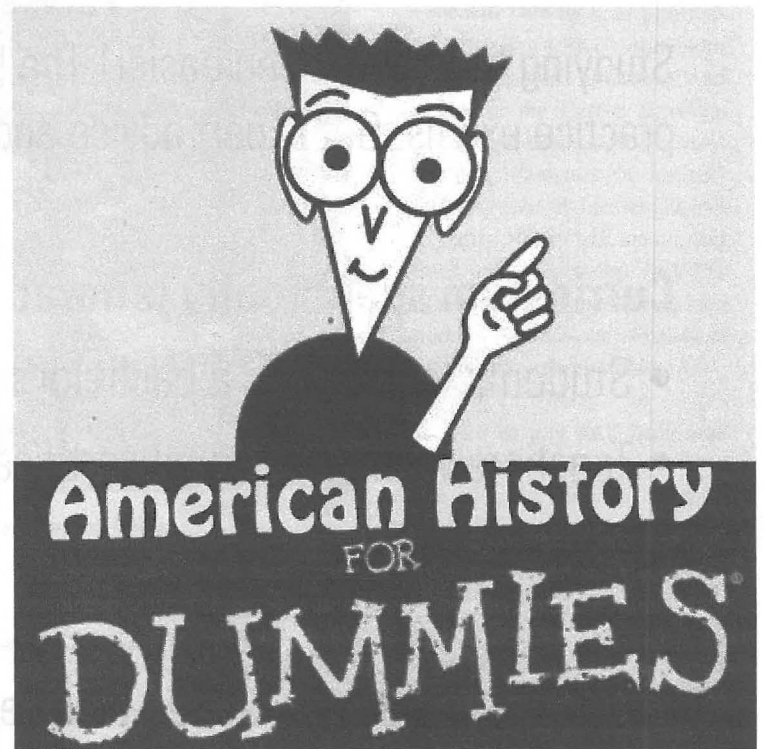
for in-game. "League of Legends", a multiplayer online competitive role-playing game, is another example of this; the game is free to play but allows purchases of items and characters in exchange for real life money.

Playing "Team Fortress 2" requires a Steam account, which is also a free service. Steam is the brainchild of game developer company Valve Entertainment, the legendary creators of the Half-Life and Counter-Strike series of games. Steam serves as both a social networking platform for gamers and as an avenue for potentially free or very cheap games. Games like "Team Fortress 2" and many other titles adorn the pages of Steam's thousand title catalogue.

During certain holidays, the now legendary Steam sales have become legendary. With rotating discounts up to 80%, the Steam Holiday Sale that occurs in summer and during the winter holidays promises high-grade titles at prices that are seen rarely anywhere else.

For computer gamers, there exists many inexpensive options for gaming. Whether free online games or insanely cheap titles catch your fancy, Steam and the legions of online gaming websites that are viewable with a simple Google search can breathe a lot of fun into any student's life.

American history for dummies

By: **Andre Escobar**

The complete history of America in a little over 100 minutes? My high school history teacher would be appalled at the notion. I was intrigued and eager to see how the comedic actors would interpret America's glorious history.

The play "The Complete History of America (Abridged)" is a comedic play originally produced by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, a three-man comedy group based in California who take long serious topics and turn them into short comedic stage plays.

The play, which ran from Nov. 9 to Nov. 18, starred NSU students Kati O'Hearn, Alex Weiss and Vanessa Chang and was directed by Mark Duncan, associate professor and assistant director, division of performing and visual arts.

O'Hearn set the tone with the opening scene when the three sang America's national anthem. The three began singing the Star Spangled Banner in tune and harmony but O'Hearn slowly began to dramatically take over the song with an over the top Celine Dion-esque impression.

Weiss did a great job throughout delivering his punch lines on point. He even did a pretty good

impersonation of President Barack Obama.

Chang also gave a strong performance and entertained the audience with her portrayal of a Vietnamese and a Native American woman. The group does a good job playing off some obvious things, like the fact that they had Chang play the Vietnamese character because her last name is Chang even though she does not look Asian.

The play included everything from slapstick comedy to a few innuendos. The audience was even involved with props like water guns, glitter, trivia about historical women of America, and questions for President Barack Obama.

It helps to know some history, but it's not necessary to enjoy a few laughs when watching the play. If I had to nip pick, I could have done without a couple of the penis jokes. However, I really enjoyed the play and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in viewing our American history through a comedic lens. Although this is a comedy of American history, it allows us to laugh at some of the ridiculous and embarrassing things that has happened in our country's past.

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Tuesday 11.27

Pentatonix Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.

Incredible Super Heroes Figure Skating Show BB&T Center, Sunrise, 7 p.m.

Thursday 11.29

San Antonio Spurs vs Miami Heat American Airlines Arena, Miami, 8p.m.

Everclear Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.

Sebastian Maniscalco Miami Improv, Miami, 8:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

Friday 11.30

Beatdown 2012 BB&T Center, Sunrise, 4:30 p.m.



Ministry Tribute Night Green Room, Fort Lauderdale, 10 p.m.

Perpetual Groove Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale, 9 p.m.

Saturday 12.1

Barstool Blackout Tour Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale, 8 p.m.

Brooklyn Nets vs Miami Heat American Airlines Arena, Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Panthers vs. Philadelphia Flyers BB&T Center, Sunrise, 7:30 p.m.

Sevendust Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale, 8 p.m.

Sunday 12.2

Sebastian Maniscalco Miami Improv, Miami, 8:30 p.m.

Dean Napolitano Fort Lauderdale Improv, Fort Lauderdale, 8 p.m.



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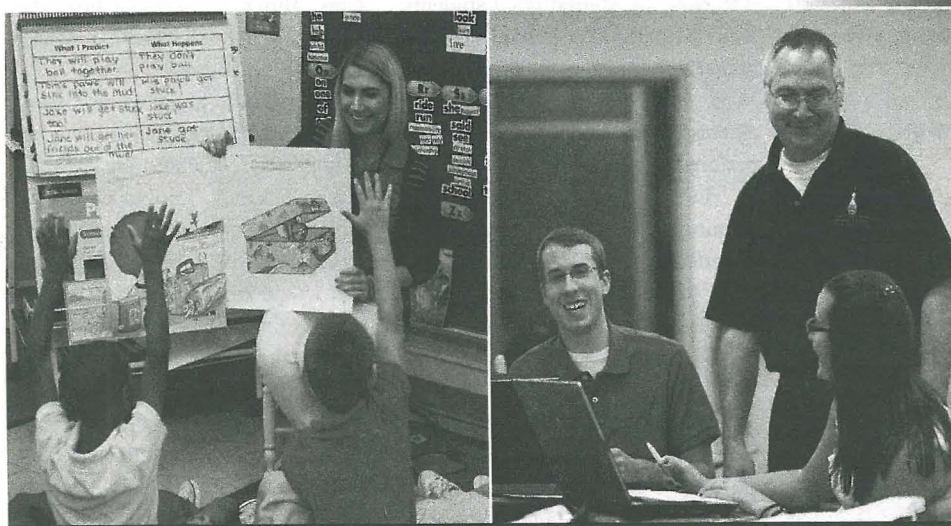
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Where have all the jobs gone?

By: **Andre Jensen**

The end of the semester is upon us and, for many NSU students, the prospect of life beyond the classroom approaches.

Many of those graduating are planning their career dreams. They are creating their resumes and trying to set up interviews with future employers. But, unfortunately, the economy four years after the beginning of the Great Recession, hasn't yet recovered.

For some in college now, they will, sadly, be either unemployed or working a job that only requires a high school degree when they graduate.

However pessimistic it sounds, the sad truth is that the economy is not producing anywhere close to enough jobs for the millions of new graduates who are entering the workforce every year.

According to the Associated Press analysis of government data, 53 percent of graduates with a bachelor's degree under the age of 25 were either unemployed or underemployed. The Department of Labor reports that in the year 2012 the average monthly rate of job growth from January to October was 125,000 jobs, hardly enough to keep up with population growth.

The economic collapse of the great recession cost 7 million jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A loss of a huge number of jobs in which many still remain unemployed.

Because of the incompetence of the Bush Administration that led

to the breakdown of the economy in 2008, many Americans suffered. Four years later, the mismanagement of President Obama's first term administration in creating a strong recovery, the economy continues to be lackluster and job creation continues to be weak.

The system has totally failed the people. Students have worked hard in school all their lives and gone into huge amounts of debt from student loans, only to find that after graduation only a handful of "good jobs" are available for them.

Even among the professional class, joblessness is becoming the norm. Among 2011 law school graduates, half could not find a position in the legal field some nine months after finishing school, according to The Pew Research Center.

This situation has become so common that MTV created a new sitcom appropriately named "Underemployed". The program follows five recent college graduates through the highs, lows, triumphs and humiliations of un-met career aspirations.

"Underemployed" is a pathetic reflection of our youth's reality. All over the country, college graduates are forced to wait tables, flip burgers and work behind the register at retail stores to support themselves. Most of these jobs are minimum and low wage, with limited working hours and no employee benefits.

The economic conditions are so bad that some have to work two or three of these part-time and low wage jobs just to get by.

The unemployed and underemployment situations have become an



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epidemic in America. Today, graduates now move back home to live with their parents. Many now postpone the beginning of their careers to continue going to school because of the economy.

With the depressing news that Europe is back into recession and this country's inability to solve its economic and debt problems, it's easy for one to feel hopeless and there is good reason to be hopeless.

The United States of America

needs jobs, good jobs to remain an economic superpower and expand and maintain its way of life. Jobs that not only college graduates can support themselves with, but jobs that contribute to our economy and our society.

It is wrong that over 43 percent of recent college graduates who do have jobs are working in positions that do not require a college education.

This is not forward; this is back-

wards, back to the time before the American dream. America cannot allow a generation to believe that their lives will be less successful than those of their parents.

This nation needs to return to the days when hard work actually meant you reaped the rewards of that work where you can support yourself with one job and live the American dream. Until that happens I will continue to ask where all the jobs have gone?

On the Scene: How can academic advising best help you?



"Academic Advising has helped me by organizing my goals for what I want to achieve in the future."
Fatima Abdihakim, junior communications studies major



"The advisors don't help much because you have to register for classes before you can actually meet with your own advisor and discuss it. So you basically do it by yourself first" **Jose Cabrera, junior, biology major**

"At first I had no idea what major to choose, but thanks to Academic Advising I have found the major that fits me."
Gregory Smith, freshman, legal studies major

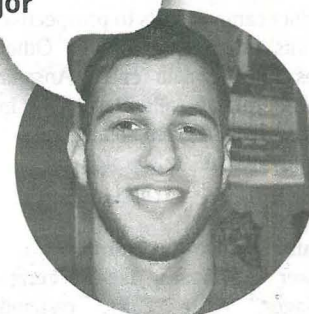


"Advising is very linear and it sets me on the path that I need to study. The staff does a very good job at telling us what to focus on for boards and how to prepare for our future residencies and rotations"
Rich Pronti, 2nd year, Osteopathic Medicine major



"My academic advisor has helped me manage my time better with my busy schedule." **Mariam Besharat, junior, nursing major**

"They pretty much helped me on getting a head start on what to take, but I pretty much knew what I had to take, maybe they help me on what teacher to take and easier classes to take. It's a good help." **Nicolas Citcioglu, freshman, biology major**



Help Wanted

All students should contact the Office of Student Employment located on the first floor of the Horvitz building to apply for these positions (954.262.3380)



Job # 002

Senior Student Assistant

Provide telephone technical support to the NSU computing community. Collect and record specific information regarding user requests and problems. Dispatch problem reports to appropriate personnel. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 039

Desktop Computing Assistant

Assist full-time employees with the daily installation and maintenance and support of personal computer hardware and software. 20hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 054

Lab Monitor

Assist students and faculty computer related problems in the microcomputer lab. 25 hrs/wk; \$8/hr

Job #: 086

Graduate Student Assistant

Assist coordinator with on-going projects within the department. 15-20hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 165

Lifeguard

Prevent accidents through the enforcement of policies, rules, regulation, and the conduct of persons using the pool, saunas, and spa. Additional duties: scrub pool gutters, heavy vacuum and hosing deck. Available: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; \$9/hr

Job #: 224

Intramural Sports Official

Officiate intramural sports based on rules and regulations as set forth by Campus Recreation. Ensure that teams/individuals follow rules and regulations. Provide all intramural participants with superior customer service. Remain visible and on post at all times. Mon-Thurs, 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; occasional weekends; \$8/hr

Job #: 353

Student Research Assistant

Assist faculty with various research projects. Provide clerical and research support to undergraduate and graduate business programs. Tasks include data collection, analyzing data, data entry, filing, phones. General office work, other duties as assigned. up to 20 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 360

Office Assistant

Filing, phones, copying, errands and other duties as assigned. 20hrs/wk; \$8.25/hr

Job#: 397

Student Ambassador

Conduct campus tours to prospective students and their families. Other duties include data entry. Answer incoming phone calls. Participate in special events and telecounseling. 20 hrs/wk; \$8.25/hr

Job #: 412

Admin. Student Assistant

Answer telephones, take accurate messages, route calls, respond courteously and professionally to routine inquiries. Compose and

type correspondence, generate reports and other documents. Assist with mailings and special projects. Accurate data entry in Access and Banner. Set up and maintain files. Assist visitors to the department efficiently and courteously. Perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr (between 9am-1pm)

Job #: 423

Section Editor

Oversee the assignment and production of specific section in the University student-run newspaper. Job functions include but are not limited to determining stories for a specific section, editing all copy for the section before submitting to Managing Editor. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 500

Phonathon Worker

Call alumni from all over the country to update their information. Let our alumni know about new developments at NSU and ask for support of NSU through our annual giving program. 10-15 hrs/wk; \$8.50/hr

Job #: 566

Admin. Student Assistant (Miami/Kendall)

Have contact with students and respond to their needs either in person or by phone. Handle special requests from director and assistant directors in regards to recruiting projects. 20-25 /hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 568

Admin. Student Assistant (West Palm Beach)

Provide administrative support and services to the SEC recruiting staff, meeting enrollment goals and objectives. Assist in providing office coverage to front desk. Provide customer service to all callers and visitors in a professional manner. 20-25 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 573

Student Assistant

Form letters, answer telephone calls, take messages, make photocopies. Assist with clerical work in office. \$8.5/hr

Job #: 679

Senior Student Assistant

Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 719

Graduate Assistant

Process application waivers. Assist with FL Prepaid: invoicing and payment posting preparation; set up aging reports; analyze accounts to see if late fee and hold should be applied. Analyze account for NSU Payment Plans. Assist the A/R manager and specialist as needed. Other duties as assigned. 10-15 hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: 778

Student Assistant

Receive and deliver items to various departments on- and off-campus. 20 hrs/wk; \$9/hr

Job #: 779

Operations Assistant/Facilities

Answer telephones, manage the operation of the front service desk, answer questions, enforce facility and program policies, conduct face checks, and distribute information and directions. Maintain the cleanliness of the facility and the upkeep of the facility program space. \$7.50/hr

Job #: 783

Personal Trainer

Provide members with a quality, safe, and effective workout. Maintain written documentation of each client. 20hrs/wk; \$18/hr - starting and depending on experience.

Job #: 910

Student Assistant - East Campus, Ft. Lauderdale

Operate telephone switchboard to route, receive, and place calls to all campus locations. Disseminate information to callers on NSU programs of study, events and special advertisements. Place and track long distance calls for internal NSU customers. Other duties as assigned. On occasional basis, attend divisional and NSU sponsored meetings and instructional workshops. Supervisor will provide more detailed job description. 20hrs/wk; \$11/hr

Job #: HPD 089

Administrative Student Assistant

Manage classroom of approximately 100 students. Duties include: maintaining classroom policies and protocol, taking attendance, distributing handouts, proctoring exams, assisting with trouble shooting broadcast problems, and other related duties as required 12 hrs/wk; \$10/hr

Job #: 098

Student Assistant

Provide administrative support for Residential Life & Housing. Assist in the general operation and communication of office procedures and functions. Duties include but not limited to: inputting information on work orders, incident reports, locksmith request, etc. Filing and copying of confidential documents. Maintaining and organizing kitchen and storage rooms, and other common areas. Correspond with other NSU departments as required to assist residents or staff members. Other duties as assigned. 20 hrs/week; \$7.67/hr

Job #: 103

Student Assistant

Provide clerical assistance. This includes filing, phones, etc 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: 307

Orientation Assistant

Plan, organize and implement orientation events for students, parents. Conduct group meetings with students and parents. Prepare orientation materials such as binders and flyers. Transport orientation materials to sites as needed. Work with Student Affairs to coordinate events and activities. Other duties as assigned. 15 hrs/week; \$8.25/hr

Job #: 154

Graduate Student Assistant

Analyze accounts for reconciliation and placement with third parties. Assist with filing, mailing letters and mail merge projects in all areas of the department (Perkins student loans and tuition accounts). Maintain and prepare documents for imaging. Assist management and staff in other duties as necessary. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: 374

Field Operations Assistant

Assist the Operations Coordinator by ensuring fields and facilities are prepared for home games and events. Act as a troubleshooter at events by providing supervision. Also assist with game management 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: 502

Network Specialist

Assists in the installation of networking equipment. Assists in trouble-shooting network outages. Gather and compile information for special projects. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: 561

Student Assistant

Assist the team with marketing, event planning, and research. Support the administrative needs of the office. Work with students and employers aiding the employment database process. 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: 615

Service Representative

Provide telephone support for the marketing department. 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: 711

Student Scholarship Assistant

Update and maintain database, review, edit and write scholarship questions, assist in mailings both electronic and paper, assist in preparing presentations, provide support in developing and delivering online scholarships. 20 hrs/week; \$9-12/hr

Job #: 715

Student Assistant

Assist department by reviewing records for accuracy. Modify spreadsheets. Research and update record information. Retrieve, print and prepare documents for processing. Photocopying, sorting, filing, mailing, and other duties as assigned. 14 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: 726

Office Assistant

Office duties to include typing, supply ordering, photocopying, taking messages, filing, etc. Assist with cash management of sales. Act as a resource person, directing patrons, etc. Schedule and fulfill requests for conference rooms and events. Create bulletin board displays. Provide coverage for Flight Deck when needed. May be required to assist with inventory maintenance of stock and equipment. Other duties as assigned by Student Union senior staff.

15-20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: HPD 146

Student Assistant

Data entry in Access database. Be able to reconcile multiple Excel reports and software program reports, update spreadsheets. Be able to manage large quantities of confidential documents. Check in orders and ensure accuracy then distribute to correct department. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 158

Student Assistant/Office Assistant

Typing correspondence, collecting and distributing mail, photocopying, answering phone, meeting and greeting student and visitors. 20 hrs/week; \$8/hr

Job #: HPD 130

Check for accuracy of data; review charts and prepare billable procedures. Collect necessary data for reports. Create files. Make phone calls to patients and doctors. Update appointments and support peers. 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr

Job #: HPD 201

Student Assistant

Take messages, copying, faxing, scan documents, filing, data entry. Create patient files, type letters. Create spreadsheets and scan documents. Assist department supervisor in day to day activities. Other duties as assigned. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 213

Student Assistant

Type correspondence, data entry, scanning, faxing, filing, mailing and data entry in the system. Assist other staff members. Create letters, arrange documents for meetings. 20 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 214

Graduate Assistant / Biostatistics Teaching Assistant

Assist students in the computer laboratory to learn how to use statistical software packages: JMP-SAS, SAS, EpiInfo, Excel, G-Power. 20 hrs/week; \$11/hr

Job #: HPD 218

Student Assistant/Receptionist

Assist department with the following duties: copying, filing, phone calls, electronic communication, word processing, interoffice/inter-campus deliveries. 25 hrs/week; \$8.50/hr

Job #: HPD 653

Administrative Student Assistant

Interact with faculty and staff as needed, filing, duplication mailing, Internet searches, etc. Work with MS Word, Excel, etc. Maintain office supplies, phone coverage. Other duties as assigned. 10 hrs/week, \$8.50/hr

Job #: 796

Student Assistant/Event Services

Jobs include Guest Services, Ticket Takers, Ushers, Ticket Sellers and other various event services and box office jobs. 5-20hrs/week; \$8/hr